

English 5 Summer Reading Project

Required reading for incoming fifth graders is listed in the Middle School Reading List available on the Washington Latin website:

<http://latinpcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/14-15-WLPCS-Middle-School-Reading-List-PDF.pdf>

Required summer reading included

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

2 choice books chosen from the list

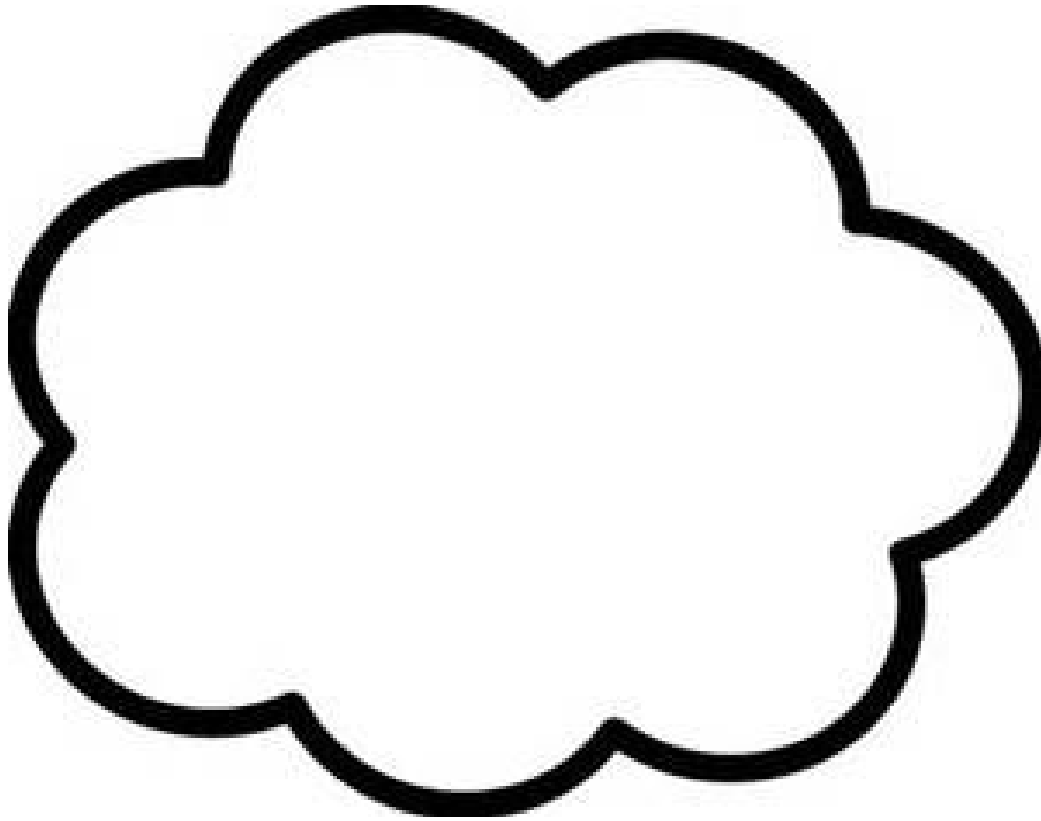
We will be thinking about, discussing and writing about the first two titles this week and in the future.

The purpose of this assignment is to give you the opportunity to share your thoughts about one of your choice books. List your 2 choice books below:

Title	Author
1.	
2.	

For one of these books, you will suggest the five best words for understanding it. After introducing your five words, you will explain why each of them is a key for explaining the most important elements of the book. For example, a character or object may be the obstacle confronting the protagonist (main character). A verb may describe what the protagonist spends most of her time doing. An adjective may describe the setting or a trait of a key character.

Underline the book above that you decide to use for this project.
Brainstorm ideas for words that you could use below.



Now highlight or circle the five you believe are the best ones for understanding the book. Number them from most important to least important.

Now write a draft your project. It should have these paragraphs.

1. Introduction (includes book's title and author and the five words you have selected)
2. First Word
3. Second Word
4. Third Word
5. Fourth Word
6. Fifth Word
7. Conclusion

Rubric for Summer Reading Project

Criteria	3	2	1	0
Does your project have a introductory paragraph that begins with an attention-grabbing topic sentence?				
Does your introductory paragraph introduce 5 key words for understanding the book?				
Do you explain why you think the first word is important for understanding the book and support that claim with evidence?				
Do you explain why you think the second word is important for understanding the book and support that claim with evidence?				
Do you explain why you think the third word is important for understanding the book and support that claim with evidence?				
Do you explain why you think the fourth word is important for understanding the book and support that claim with evidence?				
Do you explain why you think the fifth word is important for understanding the book and support that claim with evidence?				
Does your project end with a concluding paragraph summarizing your words and why you chose them?				
Have you included a revised and edited draft?				
Is your final version free of capitalization, spelling, grammar and punctuation errors?				

Backward Planning

Date	Plan
Tuesday 9/1	
Wednesday 9/2	
Thursday 9/3	
Friday 9/4	
Saturday 9/5	
Sunday 9/6	
Monday 9/7	
Tuesday 9/8	Turn in final copy and revised and edited draft

